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SUBJ: AMERICAN OIL MEN INTERESTED IN VIETNAM

ACCORDING TO A SENIOR HONG KONG EXECUTIVE, TWO AMERICAN OIL MEN HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS CONCERNING VIETNAMESE OIL DEVELOPMENT. THE FIRST, ROBERT BERTAGNE, A KUALA LUMPUR BASED REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF TEXAS PACIFIC OIL OF DALLAS, A SUBSIDIARY OF SEAGRAMS, REPORTEDLY TOLD THE HONG KONG EXECUTIVE THAT HE TRAVELED TO HANOI LAST MAY TO DISCUSS OFF-SHORE OIL DEVELOPMENT IN THE SAIGON AREA. THE SECOND MAN, WILLIAM KAHLA, A SINGAPORE BASED PETROLEUM CONSULTANT, ALLEGEDLY INDICATED HE ALSO PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO VIETNAM ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT HE, IN FACT, MADE THE TRIP.

NEITHER MEN NOR TEXAS PACIFIC ARE KNOWN TO HONG KONG OIL PEOPLE. THE CONGEN HAS NO RECORD CONFIRMING THE US CITIZENSHIP OF THE TWO.

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